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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. SUMMARY: THE PROMINENT PRESS COVERAGE OF QIAO
SHI APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE POLITICAL BUREAU
STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER IS IN LINE TO SUCCEED ZHAO
ZIYANG AS PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY. PRESIDENT YANG

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SHANGKUN RECEIVED HEAVY PRESS PLAY AS HE MET WITH THE FAMILIES OF THREE SOLDIERS KILLED JUNE 4TH. VEHICLE MOVEMENTS OUT OF THE CITY HAVE BEEN OBSERVED, WHICH COULD INDICATE AN EXTENSION OF ARMY OPERATIONS BEYOND THE CENTER OF BEIJING. ACCORDING TO DAO, THE TROOPS COULD BE IN BEIJING UNTIL OCTOBER. IN RESPONSE TO A JOINT DEMARCHE BY THE EC AMBASSADORS PROTESTING THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR THREE MEN IN SHANGHAI CHARGED WITH BURNING A TRAIN, THE PRC GOVERNMENT CALLED THE MATTER A DOMESTIC ISSUE AND SAID THAT THE EC AMBASSADORS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE IN CHINA'S DOMESTIC POLITICS. CHINA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT INTENDS TO LAUNCH U.S. MADE SATELLITES AND TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING ITS SATELLITE LAUNCH SERVICE. VOA WAS AGAIN BLASTED IN THE PRESS AND THE OFFICIAL PRESS HAS CALLED THE U.S. DECISION TO GIVE REFUGE TO FANG LIZHI AND HIS WIFE A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OF THE U.S. EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY IN CHINA. HALLIBURTON HAS SIGNED A USD 2.5 MILLION AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE. MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES HAVE CALLED ON THE POPULACE TO TURN IN WEAPONS. [REDACTED] TELLS US THAT THERE ARE RUMORS THERE THAT PEOPLE WILL HOLD ON TO THE WEAPONS. END SUMMARY.

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QIAO SHI TO LEAD THE PARTY?

3. PROMINENT PRINT AND MEDIA COVERAGE OF POLITICAL BUREAU STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER QIAO SHI'S MEETING ON JUNE 17 WITH NON-COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS AT ZHONGNANHAI SUGGESTS THAT THE LONG-TIME PARTY APPARATCHIK AND SECURITY CZAR MAY INDEED BE IN LINE TO SUCCEED ZHAO ZIYANG AS PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY. THE FRONT PAGE OF THE JUNE 18 PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTS THE MEETING AND FEATURES A PICTURE OF QIAO DELIVERING HIS REMARKS.

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4. EMPHASIZING DENG'S "ONE CENTER AND TWO FUNDAMENTAL POINTS", QIAO SAID THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY OF REFORM AND OPENNESS WAS CORRECT. HE URGED ATTENDEES TO WORK TOWARD STRENGTHENING STABLE CONDITIONS TO ENABLE REFORM AND OPENNESS TO DEVELOP. WITH REGARD TO THE STUDENTS, PARTICIPANTS AT THE ZHONGNANHAI MEETING "FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS ONLY A SMALL NUMBER INVOLVED IN THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE WHOSE AIM WAS...TO ESTABLISH A WESTERN STYLE BOURGEOIS REPUBLIC." IN THE CURRENT CRACKDOWN THEY SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN "MISLED STUDENTS AND PEOPLE" AND "A SMALL NUMBER OF

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COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY RIOTERS AND THEIR INSTIGATORS."

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5. QIAO HAS APPEARED FREQUENTLY IN THE PRESS SINCE MAY 19, WHEN HE CHAIRED A LARGE PARTY, GOVERNMENT, AND MILITARY MEETING ON THE EVE OF THE MARTIAL LAW DECLARATION. HIS NAME HAS APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY FIVE TIMES SINCE MAY 10 ALONE. IN PREVIOUS REPORTING, WE SPECULATED THAT QIAO MAY HAVE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OVER DAILY PARTY WORK AS

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EARLY AS MAY 19. ALTHOUGH SOME BEIJING BASED WESTERN JOURNALISTS HOLD THAT LI PENG MAY BE NAMED ACTING PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY, WE VOTE FOR QIAO, BASED ON HIS NUMEROUS RECENT APPEARANCES ON BEHALF OF THE PARTY.

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YANG SHANGKUN SEES SOLDIERS' KIN

6. PRESIDENT YANG SHANGKUN RECEIVED PROMINENT MEDIA AND PRINT COVERAGE JUNE 18 AND 19 AS HE MET WITH THE FAMILIES OF THREE SOLDIERS KILLED OYN JUNE 4TH. THE PRESIDENT PRAISED THE THREE SOLDIERS AS "RIGHTEOUS MARTYRS" AND TOLD THE RELATIVES THAT "THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC CANNOT BE OVERTHROWN.

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TROOP MOVEMENT

7. DAO REPORTS PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS OF TROOP OPERATIONS EXPANDING BEYOND THE THIRD RING ROAD TO AREAS WHERE GUARDS AND ROAD BLOCKS ARE NOW IN POSITION FOR THE FIRST TIME. VEHICLES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED MOVING AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF THE CITY. IT APPEARS THAT THE PLA BELIEVES THE CITY IS WELL CONTAINED AND ARE NOW EXPANDING THEIR OPERATIONS OUTWARD. LARGE ELEMENTS OF THE 27TH ARMY REMAIN STATIONED TO THE WEST OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND, WHILE THE 38TH ARMY STILL HOLDS TIANANMEN SQUARE. NO ARMORED VEHICLES REMAIN IN VIEW IN TIANANMEN. BOXES ARE BEING PAINTED ON THE STREETS OF BEIJING TO INDICATE WHERE PLA GUARDS WILL STAND POST. THIS

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ALONG WITH OTHER PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT
THE ARMY COULD REMAIN IN BEIJING UNTIL OCTOBER.

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EC AMBASSADORS DEMARCHE PRC GOVERNMENT

8. IN RESPONSE TO A JUNE 17 JOINT DEMARCHE TO JIANG
ENZHU, MFA DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE, BY THE EC
AMBASSADORS PROTESTING THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR THREE
PEOPLE IN SHANGHAI CHARGED WITH BURNING A TRAIN, THE
PRC RESPONDED THAT IT WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR AND THE
PRC WILL NOT YIELD TO OUTSIDE PRESSURE. JIANG ENZHU
HAS BEEN CALLING EACH OF THE EC AMBASSADORS
INDIVIDUALLY TO EXPLAIN THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE
EVENTS IN BEIJING JUNE 3-4. BEFORE HIS APPOINTED
MEETING, FRG AMBASSADOR HELLBECK RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN AND DELIVERED A TOUGH
STATEMENT TO THE CHINESE. WHEN TOLD THAT THERE WERE
STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN GERMANY AS WELL, AMBASSADOR
HELLBECK REPLIED THAT THE FRG RESPONDS VERY
DIFFERENTLY.

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CHINA INTENDS TO LAUNCH U.S. MADE SATELLITES

9. THE JUNE 19 PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTED THAT "THE
LONG MARCH NUMBER TWO ROCKET WILL BE USED TO LAUNCH
AUSAT COMMUNICATION SATELLITES, AND THE LONG MARCH
NUMBER THREE ROCKET WILL BE USED TO LAUNCH ASIASAT
COMMUNICATION SATELLITE." AUSAT AND ASIASAT ARE
MANUFACTURED BY HUGHES CORPORATION. THE ARTICLE
INDICATED THAT THE PRC INTENDS TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND
ITS SATELLITE LAUNCH SERVICE.

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10. THE 18 JUNE EVENING NEWS AND 19 JUNE PEOPLE'S DAILY SEVERELY CRITICIZED VOA FOR SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT THE "BLOODBATH" IN TIANANMEN SQUARE ON 4 JUNE. OFFICIAL COMMENTARY SAID VOA WAS IRRESPONSIBLE IN REPORTING HEARSAY FROM AN AMERICAN EXCHANGE STUDENT IN BEIJING WHO SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM A REPORTER THAT "AT TIANANMEN CLOSE FRIENDS WERE ALL CRUSHED TO DEATH BY TANKS, ALL WERE KILLED." THE ARTICLE CRITICIZED MARLIN FITZWATER'S COMMENT THAT THE THREE PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR REPORTEDLY BURNING A TRAIN

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WERE EXERCISING "THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS". THE ARTICLE CALLED VOA AND THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS NONSENSE.

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U.S. PROTECTION OF FANG VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW

11. THE JUNE 18 ISSUE OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY CALLED U.S. EMBASSY REFUGE FOR FANG LIZHI AND LI SHUXIAN A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND "THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITY." THE PAPER SAID THE EMBASSY IS BEING USED IN A MANNER "INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE STATUS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS." THE EMBASSY'S ACTION, THE ARTICLE ARGUES, VIOLATES CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY.

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12. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE NOTED AN INCREASE IN THE PRESENCE OF PLAIN CLOTHES POLICE AROUND THE EMBASSY. WE HAVE SENT A DIPLOMATIC NOTE PROTESTING THEIR PRESENCE.

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HALLIBURTON SIGNS USD 2.5 MILLION AGREEMENT

13. JUNE 18 MEDIA COVERED A SIGNING CERMONY FOR A USD 2.5 MILLION PROJECT WITH HALLIBURTON. THE EMBASSY ADVISED HALLIBURTON OFFICIALS PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY THAT THEY WOULD BE USED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES AND THAT A SIMPLE PRESS RELEASE RATHER THAN TELEVISION COVERAGE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. HALLIBURTON OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE CEREMONY BEFORE TELEVISION CAMERAS. WHEN ASKED, THEY REFUSED TO TELL THE EMBASSY THE NATURE OF THE PROJECT, SAYING IT WAS A PRIVATE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

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MARTIAL LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

14. ON JUNE 17 THE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED THAT ALL WEAPONS, FILM OF EVENTS ON JUNE 4, AND MILITARY VEHICLES MUST BE RETURNED. ACCORDING TOP THE NEW ANNOUNCEMENT, THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES MUST TURN THEMSELVES IN AND EVERYONE MUST HELP THE MARTIAL LAW TROOPS MAINTAIN ORDER.

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15. ON THIS SUBJECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD EMBOFF THAT LIFE IN WUHAN IS SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL, BUT THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF TENSION AMONG STUDENTS THERE. [REDACTED] SAID FORMAL MARTIAL LAW

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HAS NOT BEEN PROCLAIMED IN WUHAN, HE OBSERVED A VERY OBVIOUS POLICE PRESENCE, BOTH UNIFORMED AND PLAIN CLOTHES, ON THE STREETS. ACCORDING TO THE STUDENT, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR WUHAN RESIDENTS TO GET ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BEIJING, BUT

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THEY ARE VERY CONSIDIOUS OF WHAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE
DOING IN THE CAPITAL. WUHAN RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO
RELY HEAVILY ON FOREIGN SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS AND IT
IS NOW VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND SHORTWAVE
RECEIVERS THERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT
UP. [REDACTED] REPORTED UNCONFIRMED/REPEAT
UNCONFIRMED RUMORS THAT STUDENT LEADERS OF THE
PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT IN WUHAN HAD OBTAINED WEAPONS
FROM SOME SOURCE AND WERE KEEPING THEM HIDDEN AWAY
UNTIL SOME UNSPECIFIED POINT IN THE FUTURE. HE ALSO
SPECULATED THAT SOME KIND OF PROTEST ACTIVITIES WERE
BEING PLANNED FOR JUNE 20 TO MARK THE FIRST FULL
MONTH UNDER MARTIAL LAW IN BEIJING.

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16. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LILLEY

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